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SUBJECT : FRENCH SHIP NORMANDIE

1. AS ADDRESSEE MAY BE AWARE, EMBASSY HAS STANDING INSTRUCTIONS THAT WITH EXCEPTION OF BRITISH INTERESTS, IT SHOULD NOT REPEAT NOT REPRESENT INTERESTS OF 3RD COUNTRIES WHICH DO NOT HAVE FORMAL DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH THE ROC.
2. BECAUSE OF URGENT HUMANITARIAN CONSIDERATIONS INVOLVED IN "NORMANDIE" REFUGEE MATTER, FOLLOWING LETTER DELIVERED TO MOFA EARLY SATURDAY MORNING SEPTEMBER 9.
3. BEGIN QUOTE.

MR. YU PENG  
DIRECTOR  
CONSULAR AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT  
MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS  
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DEAR MR. YU:

THE EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS THAT THE FRENCH TANKER "NORMANDIE" OF THE SOCIETE DES TRANSPORTS MARITIMES PICKED UP SIXTY INDOCHINESE REFUGEES RECENTLY IN THE SOUTH CHINA SEA WHILE PROCEEDING TO ITS NEXT PORT-OF-CALL, KAOHSIUNG.

IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE VESSEL WILL CALL AT THE PORT OF  
KAOHSIUNG, ON SEPTEMBER 9, 1978 WITH THESE REFUGEES  
ABOARD.

THE FRENCH CONSUL-GENERAL RODRIGUES IN HONG KONG REPORTED  
TO THE U.S. CONSULATE GENERAL IN HONG KONG THE FRENCH  
GOVERNMENT'S GUARANTEE THAT IF THESE INDOCHINESE REFUGEES  
ABOARD THE "NORMANDIE" ARE PERMITTED TO LAND IN KAOHSIUNG  
"ALL THE REFUGEES WHO WOULD NOT BE ACCEPTED BY A THIRD  
COUNTRY WILL BE ADMITTED TO FRANCE, IF POSSIBLE A FEW  
DAYS AFTER THEIR LANDING AND IN ANY CASE BEFORE NINETY  
DAYS."

THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT ALSO REPORTED THAT IT WOULD GREATLY  
APPRECIATE IT IF THE BOAT REFUGEES FROM THE "NORMANDIE"  
COULD LAND HERE AND RECEIVE THE HUMANITARIAN TREATMENT  
THAT HAS ALREADY BEEN EXTENDED HERE PREVIOUSLY TO BOAT  
REFUGEES FROM INDOCHINA.

THIS IS A HUMANITARIAN MATTER OF SOME URGENCY, AND I  
THOUGHT YOU WOULD WISH TO BE MADE AWARE OF IT.

- SINCERELY,

- THOMAS F. WILSON  
- COUNSELOR OF EMBASSY  
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- FOR CONSULAR AFFAIRS  
END QUOTE.

4. GROC OFFICIAL COMMENTED WHEN PRESENTED WITH LETTER  
THAT HE DID NOT BELIEVE APPROPRIATE ACTION COULD BE TAKEN  
UNTIL EARLY NEXT WEEK BUT THAT HE BELIEVED THIS WOULD NOT  
CAUSE SIGNIFICANT PROBLEMS AS "NORMANDIE"'S NEXT PORT-OF-  
CALL AFTER KAOHSIUNG IS PORT OF KEELUNG (WHICH ALSO  
LOCATED IN ROC). UNGER

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